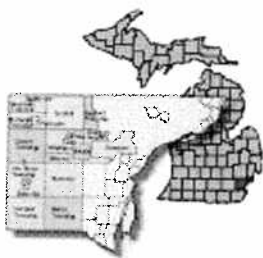


# **District 10 - For the Formal Record - House Urban Policy Committee - HB 4050 - Is the Wrong Idea**

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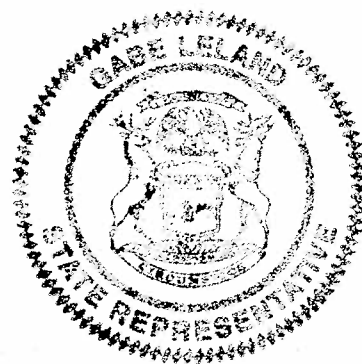
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**Comments from CWW Mayors and Supervisors  
Regarding HB 4050**



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Re: **HB 4050 – water/utility bills on delinquent roll**

Honorable Chairman Leland, Members of the House Urban Policy Committee,  
CWW Area Representatives and Senators:

Thank you for all the occasions when you have supported local control. These comments are about one of those critical local matters. In light of the \$3 Billion loss in revenue sharing suffered over the last few years, we must comment on HB 4050. **We cannot afford to lose one more dime or one more tool that generates funding for local public services.**

To begin though, please let me reintroduce you to the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW). The CWW region provides public service to more than 700,000 Michigan citizens. This area also hosts some of the most vital business and industries in the state. As a matter of fact, several members of the Urban Policy Committee have themselves served at the local level. Our Board of Directors consists of the CWW region's 18 Chief Elected Officials. They are a Board that works in unity and with a collective voice. We believe you **consider the CWW region a significant constituency** and one that communicates effectively with area citizens.

In partnership with you and other officials, we have instituted many programs to avoid foreclosures in our cities and townships. We applaud efforts that assist us in that objective but **HB 4050 is the wrong idea**. If we lose the ability to collect utility bills on the tax roll it has the potential to make matters worse for your constituents. No local official wants to see a utility shut off. **Please do not undermine a long-standing and effective tool** that would generally be eliminated under the terms of this bill. **Oppose and abolish the idea of added financial burdens on your local governments. Do not let HB 4050 move forward.** We urge you to reevaluate the consequences and costs of enacting this bill.

By a unanimous vote, our Mayors and Supervisors express their opposition to HB 4050. We look forward to reporting on your vote as you consider this bill and consider its overall negative impact.

The CWW Board of Directors is listed below, but should you have any questions or comments, I would be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,  
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